

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
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BRUCE J. NOSKY, ET AL.)
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Serial No.: **Not yet assigned**)
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Filed: **January 23, 2002**)
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For: **Method for Enhancing Production**)
Performance in an Animal)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the present application, please enter the following amendments.

In The Claims:

Please cancel Claims 1-31 and add new Claims 32-53.

a, 32. (New) A method, comprising administering to an animal between 1 hour and 28 days of age, an amount of a mycobacterial cell wall extract, wherein the amount is effective to activate the immune system of the animal or to enhance production performance of the animal.

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